

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q80554

Hiroshi IBE

Allowed: December 18, 2007

Appln. No.: 10/807,471

Group Art Unit: 2622

Confirmation No.: 2931

Examiner: Gevell V SELBY

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For: COLOR-IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE IN WHICH AN R PICTURE SIGNAL IS
RELATIVELY ENHANCED WITH DISTANCE FROM CENTER OF LIGHT-
RECEPTION AREA

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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REMARKS

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated December 18, 2007.

Applicant submits that the Examiner's Statement refers to an element that is not included in each of the independent claims. For example, a transmittance distribution means in not stated in claims 7 and 10. The claims should be deemed allowable based on their respective recitations.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain

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Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated December 18, 2007.

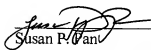
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